

made as a temporary experiment and in the experiment stage it may not be advisable to give the maximum.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Is that experiment successful?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon—It is too early to say now.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Has he not been in the post for the last ten months?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I think about nine or ten months.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Has his work during that period been examined to find out the quality of his work?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Not with that particular eye. After a period of one year the matter will be looked into.

Mr. K. G. Nayar.—Generally, till this period, has his work been very satisfactory?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It was more or less satisfactory. For a definite statement I must look to the statistics.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—(8). The predecessor of the present Prosecuting Inspector is said to have been allowed to draw the maximum. May I know the reason why?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—He was already drawing the maximum pay as a Probationary Inspector.

Circular—pay—aided school teachers.

4. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Director of Public Instruction has issued a circular to the effect that when aided school teachers working in higher grades are reverted to lower grades owing to the abolition of classes, they will be eligible only for the minimum pay of the grade to which they are reverted even though they might have worked in the grades and earned increments previously;

(2) if so, will they be pleased to place a copy of the circular on the table;

(3) whether there were complaints against that order;

(4) whether this circular is still in force?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) A copy of the circular is placed on the table. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

(3) There were personal representations.

(4) No.

Pay—Headmasters of High Schools.

5. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(1) whether their attention has been called to the fact that most of the Headmasters of High Schools do not reach the maximum scale of pay before they attain the age of 55 and that if at all, they will have to retire within a couple of years after that;

(2) whether they have considered their positions in comparison with those of the Assistant Professors of the College who get their maximum within a less period?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

The Cochin Central Co-operative Institute.

6. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they have seen the article on "The Cochin Central Co-operative Institute Ltd." appearing on page 2 of the Mahathi of 5th Chingam 1108;

(2) whether there is any truth in the charges levelled against the institute in that article;

(3) what is the circulation of the "Sahakarana Prabodhini";

(4) what is the number of members on its roll;

(5) what is the contribution by the Government each year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(1) Yes.

(2) No.

(3) 310.

(4) 89.

(5) Rs. 5,000 in 1101, Rs. 600 in each of the years 1106 and 1107.

Applicants for appointments—Sanitary Department.

7. **Mr. K. Ayyappan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

1. (a) the number of applicants for appointments in the newly opened Sanitary Department;

(b) the number of such of those applicants as have been appointed from each of the following communities: Nayars, Christians, Ezhuvas, Muslims, Arayas (including Valans), Brahmins and others;

2. the names and qualifications of the applicants for the Sanitary Inspector's posts and the names of such of those applicants as have been appointed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1. (a) 530.

(b) Nayars

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Christians

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Ezhuvas

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Brahmins

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